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Man Charged with Stabbing Employee at Santa Monica Pier Eatery

A 34-year-old man was charged today with stabbing a Santa Monica Pier restaurant employee after allegedly demanding free food, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Calvin Earl Gullett (dob 8/18/82) faces one felony count of attempted murder, two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, and one misdemeanor count of petty theft.

Case SA093841 includes allegations that Gullett inflicted great bodily injury and was convicted in Little Rock, Ark., of residential burglary in 2002 and in Los Angeles for second-degree commercial burglary and criminal threats earlier this year.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department W30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

It is alleged that Gullett entered a Santa Monica burger place and stabbed an employee and chased two others with a knife on Sept. 7, prosecutors said. According to the criminal complaint, the defendant had stolen the knife he used earlier in the day from a retail store, prosecutors added.

Bail for Gullett is scheduled at \$2.1 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 48 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Santa Monica Police Department.

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